

## Graves W. Steele to Andrew Jackson, December 30, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GRAVES W. STEELE TO JACKSON.

Hermitage, December 30, 1830.

*D'r Genl*, I have recd your letter of the 9th of this instant as respects your picture and *Mrs.* Jacksons. I am trewly sorrey that this unplesent Circumstance has hapeind their is not a man Living that I have moore respect for the feelings of than your Self. I am not Capable of making the necessary acknoledgements for this transgression. Somtime befour you left home you told me that a artist who Resided in nashville would Come up and take A copy of *mrs.* Jacksons potrait. this Gentleman Came up sometime after you left home and informd me that it was out of his power to coppey this at your house and request me to let him take them to nashville. I objected to this—this Gentleman's reply was that it your wish and earnest desire for him to Coppey them and send them on to you. not nowing but this was your wish and by the inflewence of your friends who were present and under a solemn promise that it Should be taken ceare of and returnd without the least injurey which has been don. this my dear sir is the only reason that I have to give you for this transgression.

You request me to Send you Doct Hoggs a/ct count, their is two trunks In your Room one of them ar open the otheir is fast and I have not got the kee of the Large wone nor Could not find it about the house. I examined all the papers that was in the Small trunk but this a/ct count was not in it. the otheir beaying fast and the kee not beaying with me their was know chance In making eney examineation in that. If you wish me to open that trunk you must write to me and I will attend to it for you.

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whilst you was at home you sent me too nashville to make a settlement with Doct Hogg for his attendance after you left home. I went agreeable to your request and had the a/ct Count posted up from the time of *Mrs.* Jacksons Death untueill the time of this settlement. the a/ct count was about \$127 dollars. I had a/count against him for upwards of twenty dollars that with some Deductions for extrivagant Charges redust it to about one hundred dollars. You gave me a Letter to him and one directed to Cozzen John Coffee directing him to pay doct Hogg. this is all the a/ct Count that I have ever Contracted with Doct Hogg. I see som ould a/ct Counts against you for part of the year 1825 and 26 and 2[7?] and maid mention of it to you and you stated that you had paid up to the time that you left home. If he has presented aney otheir a/ct Count that has bin Contractted by m[e it] is fauls. I have not had him in the familey [since] you Left this place.

Your familey ar all wel[I and] Your Stock of Brood horses Look as well [as] you Can wish for. I have only taken inn [ *mut.* ] About thirtey three thoussend pounds of Se[ed] Cotten. I maid application to *mr.* Donelso[n's] over seer (after Ginning your Crop for his he faild to send. I then Gind for Nichol and Hill 20 Basls. I then maid application to Wm Donelson for AJD Crop. he then informd me that was a request of AJD by letter that he Should Gin the Crop but his beaying behind has since sent it to me which at this unusual time has bin the means of my Loosing wards Crop and his motheirs which is and hundred and tenn thoussand lbs. of Seed Cotten which would have bin worth upwards of \$200.

I Am respectfuley your most Humble Servant